

Colorado Watercolor Society
April 21, 2015, Board of Directors Meeting

The CWS Board meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by President, Greg Chapleski. Marsha Ambraziunas, Kathy Cranmer, Sharon Wink, Diane Fechenbach and Art Beck were absent and excused. Mary Jo Ramsdale, Tim Brenner, Vicki Tucker, and Gary Nichols, Terrey Harrod, Marcio Correa, Cheryl Annett, Greg Chapleski, were present. The March Board Meeting minutes were read and approved.

President Greg Chapleski reports that we have 480 members. There are 36 members who pay \$10 to get the Collage mailed to their residence. Signature Members will be voted on in May and recognized in June. There is a Memorial Scholarship Fund from longtime member Jean Cole in the amount of \$350. Past President Marcio Correa suggested that a CWS workshop be awarded to a deserving student participating in the Scholastic Art Show in this amount.

2016 CWS State Show at the Arvada Center will be the same opening night as the Western Fed Show, June 9th. Both shows will hang for three months. The Western Fed has 6,000 members. Members are encouraged to enter both shows and to volunteer to work. Elaine St. Louis wants to do a write up on the shows and will use images for the press release for Colorado Home and Life Style Magazine.

Gary Nichols, Exhibition Officer, explained that there will be no Plymouth Church Show this year due to construction at the church. The New Trends Show will be in the fall. Member Diane Widlom had entered a painting in the State Show and then withdrew I as it did not conform with the prospectus. Gary will contact her and explain that she will not be banned from entering future shows for withdrawing. Gary is working with Micheon Oklar to update Facebook.

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Marsha Ambraziunas's treasurer's report was reviewed. The balance in the bank as of April 8, 2015 was \$41,382.50. The checking account balance is \$14,882.69. The board was concerned about \$8,009.00 in expenses for the State Show included in the report, likely a mistake, and will contact Marsha to clarify. Marsha requests that any person making a deposit send her a copy of the deposit and identify what it is for.

Tim Brenner is working on the nominating committee. Tim says we need 15% or 72 votes. The election is May 19. Tim announced that Southwest Art Magazine will run a section on Colorado Artists and Galleries in July. A ¼ page ad is \$575, normally this same space is \$1230.

Greg reported for Kathy Cranmer, that we currently have 480 members. Once again, we will offer a drawing for a free workshop for all members getting their dues in June 1st. She will take renewals on line or mail them directly to Kathy.

Workshops, Terrey Harrod had to cancel Robbie Laird's workshop due to lack of attendees. On Monday May 18, Robbie Laird will join Painted Toes at Foothills. Terrey moved that CWS send \$500 for an award for the Rocky Mountain National Show payable to Foothills Art Center. The measure passed. She announced we have a new location for workshops, 6076 West 55th Avenue, near I-70 and Sheridan Blvd. There is unlimited parking. Terrey has arranged the following workshops: Tom Jones June 8, 9, 10, 2015; Judy Patti July 14,15,16, 2015; Arleta Pech October 6,7,8, 2015; Carrie Waller July 2017. Sterling Edwards will be here twice in 2016. Sign up online at our website. Check each artist's website for more information and painting styles and sign up to take a class with some terrific artists.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Jo Ramsdale is exploring an on-line art show. She reminded everyone to contact her if volunteers are needed. The Philadelphia Watercolor Society does this. Sales are conducted between the artist and the purchaser.

Marcio Correa reports that Max Osborn, photographer has upgraded his equipment and would like to photograph the member's artwork at a future meeting. He specializes in color and giclee' reproductions

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

General Meeting

President Greg Chapleski welcomed the membership and explained that we have 480 members. There were 8 visitors. Membership renewal is next month, forms are on the back table.

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Gary Nichols, Exhibition Officer, explained that there will be no Plymouth Church Show this year due to construction at the church. July will be the Member Show and each person is allowed to display one picture. The prospectus will be out soon. The New Trends Show will be in the fall. Gary asked members if they knew of any venues for art shows to contact him. He explained that it is becoming harder and harder to get venues.

Vicki Tucker, Program Chair, said next month Steve Griggs will demo and in June a critique is planned; please bring a matted picture. September is an ice cream social.

Member Pat Dall reports that the Depot Art Gallery in Littleton will sponsor their 53 Anniversary Show May 3, 2-4:00. On Friday June 5th join them for Plein Air painting in downtown Littleton, cost is \$35.00 for t-shirt and food. The show is juried by Ted Garcia and will be hung, see Depotartgallery.org or contact Millie Kelly.

The program for the evening was Chuck Danford working with yupo paper.
Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Annett, Secretary